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**Update on Homicide in Palm City**

**San Diego** – On October 2, 2021, at 4:44 p.m., the San Diego Police Communications Center received multiple 911 calls reporting a male had been stabbed at 2300 Palm Avenue at the Palm Trolley station.

Officers from Southern Division arrived on scene and located a male with trauma to his torso. He was bleeding profusely and officers provided first aid, including the application of a tourniquet, until San Diego Fire-Rescue personnel arrived on scene and transported the male to a local hospital. The male was treated for his injuries and underwent emergency surgery.

The suspect and his female companion were located a short distance away and were detained. Jose Rangel, 20, was arrested and booked into jail for attempted murder. Norma Marquez, 19, was arrested for charges unrelated to the stabbing.

Unfortunately, the male died as a result of his injuries on October 5, 2021. Jose Rangel has subsequently been charged with murder.

Although the stabbing was already under investigation, San Diego Police Homicide Detectives have assumed the case. Detectives have learned the victim and his wife were at the Palm Trolley when they became involved in an altercation with Rangel and Marquez. During the altercation, the victim was stabbed and the suspects ran southbound where they were contacted by officers.

The victim has been identified as George Lara, 43, of San Diego.

Detectives are attempting to locate any possible witnesses. Anyone with information regarding this incident is asked to call the Homicide Unit at (619) 531-2293 or Crime Stoppers at (888) 580-8477.

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